out of these 8 taluks are practically settled and the new tax will be collected this year.

iii. 6 taluks in the Kottayam Division remained to be taken up.

The olugu form work in these taluks which had been entrusted to the Revenue department not having been done completely or satisfactorily, orders have recently been issued for the balance of this work being taken over by the Settlement department, in view to avoid further delay in the commencement of settlement operations. Parur and Todupuzha having been taken up in 1081, the remaining Taluks of Minachil, Alangad, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha have been taken up this year. As these taluks have been taken up a year later than was anticipated, a revision of the forecast has become necessary and is under consideration.

6. **Legislation.**—One Regulation was passed during the year to provide for the prevention of glanders and farcy among horses. This was passed under the emergency clause of the Legislative Council Regulation and was in force for only six months.

The following Bills were introduced during the year :—

(1) To consolidate and amend the law relating to the Civil Courts in Travancore. The principle of the Bill not being affirmed by the Council when the same was discussed, the Bill was thrown out.

(2) To amend the High Court Regulation I of 1067.

(3) To amend the Towns Conservancy and Improvement Regulation III of 1076.

(4) Steam-Boilers and Prime-Movers Bill.

7. **Police.**—The strength of the force was 1,729. The proportion of policemen to area and population was 1 to 5·007 square miles and 1 to 2,084 of the population respectively. 4,734 cases were reported, of which 1,912 were referred as false. The number of cases charged was 2,757. The percentage of convictions in respect of cases rose from 83·7 to 87·01 and in respect of persons from 69·5 to 74·5.

8. **Judicial Department.**—*Criminal Justice.*—The number of Civil Courts remained the same as in the year preceding *viz.*, 28. But the number of Courts exercising criminal jurisdiction was 63

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